



Peggy Marlene Finley Harris

July 29, 1938 - November 5, 2022

Mrs. Peggy Marlene Finley Harris passed away peacefully at Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House, Salisbury, NC on Saturday, November 5, 2022 after a short illness. She was born July 29, 1938 to Thomas Blaine and Eula Mae Owens Finley in Welch, West Virginia and lived in Damascus and Abingdon, Virginia until 1970 when she moved to Salisbury, NC. She married her high school sweetheart, James Charles Harris on August 4, 1957 in Damascus, VA shortly before Mr. Harris entered Lees-McRae College to play football. Mrs. Harris stayed in Damascus, VA and worked at the Bank of Damascus to support herself and her husband until he received his degree from Emory and Henry College in 1961. She was a devoted wife until Mr. Harris' death on February 3, 2017.

Mrs. Harris was a loving mother and grandmother. Those left to cherish her memory are her children: Marcia Harris Haddock (Jack), Davidson, NC; James Michael (Mike) Harris (Betsy), Statesville, NC; and Elizabeth Harris Sollecito (Michael), Roanoke, VA and her grandchildren: James Michael Harris II and wife Caitlin Stubner, Nashville, TN; Christiana Marlene (Marlee) Harris and husband Benjamin Warwick, Knoxville, TN; Mary Katherine Harris and husband Samuel Gruenig, Matthews, NC; John Edward Haddock, Jr., Huntersville, NC; and Meredith Caroline Haddock, Davidson, NC; Michael Anthony Sollecito and Allison Marie Sollecito, Roanoke, VA.

She is also survived by her sister, Betty Repass from Mt. Juliet, TN and sister-in-law, Patsy Bridgeman (Tony), Concord, NC. She was also blessed by a great number of special nieces and nephews, as well as their children.

Mrs. Harris loved serving and traveling with her husband and his entire State Farm Insurance District Agents on both district trips to various states and company trips around the world. She also enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and Europe with her husband after his retirement in 1995. Mrs. Harris also enjoyed many trips to the beach with family and friends.

Mrs. Harris loved her church, Milford Hills United Methodist Church in Salisbury, NC, where she served in various positions of leadership in the United Methodist Women, was honored as the Milford Hills United Methodist Woman of the Year, served on many committees, as well as in the church handbell choir, called "The Joybelles." She and her husband also served with the church's visitation team called the "Cheergivers" for many years.

Mrs. Harris will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, and grandmother who was devoted to her family and cherished all of the time she had with them. She loved playing Bridge and Hand & Foot card games within the Salisbury community and at Trinity Oaks. She will be sorely missed by her children, grandchildren, her beloved dog, Trixie, and all who knew and loved her.

Amidst their grief, the family wishes to thank all who served Mrs. Harris at Trinity Oaks, her medical team at Rowan Medical Center, Salisbury, NC and care team at Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center, Charlotte, NC. Graveside services will be held at 11:00AM Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at Rowan Memorial Park Cemetery mausoleum with Rev. Jim Parsons of Milford Hills United Methodist Church officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Milford Hills United Methodist Church, 1630 Statesville Blvd., Salisbury, NC 28144; the American Stroke Association, PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692; or to The Salisbury Symphony, 204 E. Innes St., Suite 260, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Harris family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Rowan Memorial Park
4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 636-8751

Tribute Wall

RK

“ *My family and I were neighbors and friends of Jim and Peggy for several years. We have wonderful memories of great times spent with their family. Wonderful people!*

Ray Kepley - November 08, 2022 at 08:22 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Peggy Marlene Finley Harris.*



November 08, 2022 at 02:24 PM

SV

“ *I first met Peggy and Jim in 2015 after moving to NC. I had just lost my husband Jim, so with that name in common, we became friends instantly. I could feel the love surrounding them. Peggy will forever have a special place in my heart for the warm, giving and loving person that she was. Rest in Peace my friend.*



Susan Venne - November 08, 2022 at 01:03 PM

JR

“ Mom (Peggy's sister Betty Repass) was telling us the story of how when Peggy was born, the family was trying to decide what to name her and they put several names in a hat and mom was chosen as the one to pull the names. First name selected, Peggy; second Marlene. Mom was 4 yrs old and remembered that happening so many years ago.

Joe Repass - November 08, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Peggy Marlene Finley Harris.



November 08, 2022 at 12:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peggy Marlene Finley Harris.



November 08, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Peggy Marlene Finley Harris.



November 08, 2022 at 09:16 AM

TF

“ *If any have passed through life absent of fault, Aunt Peggy is undoubtedly among them. From an early age, she continuously demonstrated intelligence, honesty, industriousness, an appreciation for traditional values, and devotion to family and community in all pursuits.*

Few will recall teenaged Peggy selling tickets and popcorn at the Damascus movie theater, Jim courting Peggy in the swing on her family's front porch, her high school graduation (as either valedictorian or salutatorian), that she began work as a bank teller at age sixteen shortly after graduation, and their beautiful wedding on August 4, 1957.

The results of Peggy's lifelong positive approach and devotion to family and others are evidenced by the success and happiness all who remain.

A remarkable life well lived; Peggy Marlene Finley Harris will forever be admired by and inspirational for all those privileged to have known her.

Tom Finley

Tom Finley - November 07, 2022 at 06:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peggy Marlene Finley Harris.*



November 07, 2022 at 04:06 PM

JS

“ *My Great Aunt Peggy was a very special person to me. Over the last couple of years we spoke often via phone or through the mail about my pregnancy and the birth of my first son, Enzo. She has called me on my birthday every year that I can remember. My late mom, Jackie, and Grandmother, Dorothy always sang her praises when I was growing up. I hope you all rejoice in good memories and find peace with her passing.*

With love, Jenna Shingleton

Jenna Shingleton - November 07, 2022 at 10:53 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Peggy Marlene Finley Harris.*



November 06, 2022 at 08:34 PM